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SUBJECT: U.S. OBSERVER AT ENFORCEMENT MEETING OF CONTRACTING
PARTIES ON 1968 NORTH SEA AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 83929 (NOTAL), (B) HAMBURG 424

SUMMARY: U.S. OBSERVER ATTENDED ALL SESSIONS OF SUBJECT
MEETING. COMMON VIEW EXPRESSED BY CONTRACTING PARTIES
WAS THAT BONN AGREEMENT APPLIES TO OIL SPILLS FROM OFF-
SHORE INSTALLATIONS. LITTLE OF CONCRETE NATURE ACCOM-
PLISHED. NEXT MEET SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1978 IN HAMBURG.

1. ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER DEVINE FROM HAMBURG CONSULATE
ATTENDED ALL SESSIONS, APRIL 20 - 22, AS U.S. OBSERVER.
INVITATION WAS TENDERED UNILATERALLY BY DR. GERHARD
BREUER, NUMBER TWO MAN AT OCEAN TRANSPORT DIVISION OF
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FEDERAL TRANSPORT MINISTRY. BREUER, AS HEAD OF FRG
DELEGATION, HOSTED MEETING AND WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED
CHAIRMAN AT INITIAL SESSION. ATTENDANCE OF U.S. OBSERVER
WAS PRESENTED TO OTHER DELEGATES AS FAIT ACCOMPLI AT
FIRST SESSION. PROCEDURAL POINT WAS RAISED BY FRENCH
DELEGATION HEAD THAT U.S. ATTENDANCE HAD NOT BEEN PRE-
VIOUSLY CLEARED WITH ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES; HOWEVER,

FRENCH OBJECTION WAS NOT STRONG AND FRENCH DELEGATE LATER EXPLAINED PRIVATELY TO U.S. OBSERVER THAT HE DID NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO U.S. PRESENCE BUT IN FUTURE SUCH MATTERS SHOULD BE CLEARED BY ALL DELEGATIONS; SUCH CLEARANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD PREVENT SINGLE CONTRACTING PARTY FROM INJECTING SOVIET UNION AS OBSERVER AT FUTURE MEETING. U.S. OBSERVER DID NOT CONTEND THIS VIEW.

2. SESSIONS THEMSELVES INVOLVED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS AND VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION OF PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS; E.G. PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION (NORWAY), FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL AID (FRG), AND UTILIZATION OF DISPERSANTS (FRANCE).

3. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT FOR TIME BEING IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO AMEND ARTICLE 5 OF BONN AGREEMENT. COMMON VIEW WAS THAT EXISTING WORDING ALLOWED APPLICATION OF BONN AGREEMENT TO SPILLS FROM OFF-SHORE INSTALLATIONS AND OPERATIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO CONSTITUTE SERIOUS THREAT TO COAST OR RELATED INTERESTS.

4. TWO DEFINITE DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AT MEETING:
A) REPORT ENTITLED "EQUIPMENT FOR DEALING WITH LARGE OIL SPILLS WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO CONTRACTING PARTIES UNDER BONN AGREEMENT (INCLUDING NON-GOVERNMENT OWNED EQUIPMENT)" TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTRACTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTIES AND SENT TO FRG FOR CIRCULATION BEFORE END OF 1977; AND B) NEXT MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL 1978, AGAIN HOSTED BY FRG IN HAMBURG. KISELYAK

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